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ALL OF THESE SOCIETIES have their headquarters in the building of the American Unitarian Association, 25 Beacon Street, Boston, Mass. The names of the principal officers of each society will be found on the first pages of the sections devoted to their respective organizations. The work and purpose of these societies may be stated in brief as follows:

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Ministerial Personals

Rev. Horace Westwood, D.D., has resigned at Winnipeg, Man., to accept a call to Toledo, Ohio.

Rev. S. S. Robins, Ph. D., recently discharged as a chaplain in the army, was installed minister of the church in Ann Arbor, Mich., on March 20.

Rev. E. J. Bowden has resigned at Victoria, B. C., Rev. James Huxtable at South Boston, Mass., and Rev. W. A. Taylor at Jamestown, N.Y.

Rev. J. H. Mueller has resigned at Barneveld, N. Y., to accept a call to Castine, Me.

Journeys

The President has returned from his Southern trip. He was able to keep speaking and preaching appointments at Brooklyn, N. Y., Hackley School, N.Y., Richmond, Va., Charleston, S. C., Jacksonville and Orlando, Fla., and at Atlanta, Ga., he was able to meet the ministers from Oklahoma, Birmingham and Chattanooga. It was especially gratifying to see the churches at Richmond and Orlando completely filled for a week-day evening service. There was also a very large attendance at the Sunday evening Forum at Charleston. The service at the Hackley School was a peculiarly beautiful one, in memory of the eight graduates of Hackley who have been killed in the war. The chapel was filled with graduates and their friends and the School Battalion marched in to the front seats with the colors. The service was conducted by the Headmaster, with Dr. Eliot and Dr. Sullivan, who are the ministerial members of the Board of Trustees of the School. Four days after the President returned from the South he left again for the West, with appointments at Cleveland and Toledo, Ohio, Detroit and Ann Arbor, Mich. At Detroit he presided for three days at the meeting of the Religious Education Association, and at Ann Arbor took part in the service of installation for Rev. Sidney Robins.

It has been the Secretary's privilege to visit certain of the churches in New York State and the variety of the work which our churches are doing and the contrasts and differences in history and environment are of never-ending interest and inspiration. At Troy the church was founded in 1845. The city is a long ribbon of population bordering the river. Back a little from the water's edge rises a very steep hill, which has almost forced the growth up and down the riverbank instead of inland. The situation presents peculiar difficulties in the way of centralized locations. Our

beautiful stone church is perhaps as well located as any place of public worship and is a joy to see. Under Mr. Dutton's able ministry the congregations have constantly increased, and the church is touching both the Van Renssalaer Polytechnic and the women's college, not in any spectacular way but in a healthy fashion which promises growth.

Across the river the group of faithful people at Albany is in the difficult stage of securing a successor to Mr. Graves. The city is one of the most interesting in the country. It is the center of the educational system for the entire state of New York. A part of it is the new teachers' college, with its large plans for development, and adjacent to this is the lot which is being held against the time when our old downtown church can be sold and the new church built in the better location.

At Schenectady it is encouraging to see the strength of the society and the excellent auditorium of the new church building, an extension, it will be remembered, to the parish hall that was built a few years ago. The society has wisely postponed purchasing all the equipment of new pews and some of the pulpit furnishings, until the remainder of the debt is paid. Meantime all the essentials of the new building are there. Schenectady, new city that it is, with the great plant of the General Electric Company, still has traces of the early Dutch influence and it is to be remembered that our liberal movement owes much to the early Dutch liberals. It was through Colonel Mappa and Vandercamp that the church at Barneveldt was started. Here Mr. Huidekoper was a visitor, and it was through Mr. and Mrs. Huidekoper's interest that the Meadville School was started, where more than half of our ministers have received their training.

At Syracuse there is a noble building and tradition. Mr. Cross has been ably fulfilling the offices of the minister during Mr. Applebee's absence in France.

At Rochester, the Secretary attended a big family parish party in the hall of Gannett house, made more than usually attractive by new furnishings.

At Brooklyn, in the Church of the Saviour, he had the privilege of both preaching and sharing in the communion service. This church is easily one of the most beautiful places of worship belonging to our fellowship. The opening up of the large window at the end of the nave adds greatly to the beauty of the church. It is now seen through a tracery of Gothic carving which links together the two parts of the organ. The effect is unusual and singularly pleasing.

At a men's supper in All Souls' parish rooms in New York the Secretary had his last glimpse of the New York churches on his recent visit. Here the laymen were vigorously discussing the work proposed by the Laymen's League. A great change has been made in the interior of All Souls under the skilful direction of Mr. Cobb, a well-known architect and member of the parish. The organ has been removed from the transcept to the gallery, and the entire interior has been redecorated. These changes, which involved almost no structural alteration in the church, have made no less than an amazing improvement. Where the church was gloomy and dark it is now by this redecoration made light and cheerful.

Field Secretary Brown has spent most of the month in Maine, with appointments at Houlton, Calais, Eastport, Ellsworth, Waterville, Augusta and Yarmouth. He has also visited Dover, Rochester and Wolfeboro, N. H.

Field Secretary Gilmore has been preaching at Lancaster, Pa., Passaic, N. J., Albany, N. Y., caring for the vacant pulpits and holding many consultations with officers and trustees of churches. He has been conducting a series of Laymen's Lunches in New York City with good attendance and lively speaking. On March 25th he was at the Meadville District Unitarian Conference at Marietta, Ohio, and later he will be at the meeting of the Middle States Conference at Rochester, N. Y.

Field Secretary Murdock accompanied Mr. Lathrop to southern California and

was able to visit some places not on Mr. Lathrop's itinerary. They were together at Fresno, Redlands, Pomona, Los Angeles, Santa Ana and Long Beach.

Rev. Palfrey Perkins has kept appointments, as a Billings Lecturer, at Detroit, Ann Arbor and Kalamazoo, Mich.; Evanston and Hinsdale, Ill., Milwaukee and Madison, Wis.; Duluth and St. Paul, Minn.

Rev. F. H. Kent has kept appointments, as a Billings Lecturer, at Lowell, Mass.; Windsor, Conn.; Albany, Troy, Barneveldt, Syracuse, Ithaca, Rochester and Buffalo, N. Y.; Youngstown, Cleveland, Cincinnati, and Toledo, Ohio; Detroit and Ann Arbor, Mich.; Madison, Wis., Minneapolis, Minn.; St. Louis, Mo.; Louisville, Ky.; Indianapolis, Ind.; Pittsburgh and Lancaster, Pa.; Wilmington, Del., and all the Iowa churches, under the direction of Rev. Curtis Reese.

Rev. S. M. Crothers, D. D. has kept appointments as a Billings Lecturer, at Buffalo, N Y.; Indianapolis, Ind.; Cincinnati, Ohio; Chicago, Ill.; St. Paul and St. Cloud, Minn.; Omaha, Neb.; and Kansas City, Mo.

Missionary Appeal

The financial year of the American Unitarian Association is rapidly drawing to a close. Only one month remains, for the books will be closed on Thursday, May 1, 1919. Unfortunately, many of our churches delay the taking of their contributions until the final month. We have reason to expect contributions amounting to about $40,000 during April. Whether these contributions are made in full or not is an exceedingly serious matter. Any considerable falling off in the amount that the various churches give will cripple our work just when it needs to go forward more rapidly, will reduce our power just when we need it increased.

Other denominations are putting forth splendid, heroic programs of reconstruction work, and are carrying on vigorous campaigns for the raising of very large sums of money. There is no reason why Unitarians in accordance with their opportunities and their resources should not do a similar work, and there is every reason why we of the liberal faith should realize the greater responsibility laid upon those to whom the country looks for our progressive faith. This is not the time for any shortening of our lines, nor for any diminishing of our plans. The contributions of the month of April should be an index of a spirit of consecration and generosity. The new financial year beginning the first of May should see the churches of this fellowship united in a heroic spirit and consecrated to various enterprises. The time has come for our people to go forward in their great task. Human life needs our liberal faith as never before. The forms and creeds of Christianity have gone through the severest testing of many decades. The world clamors for reality in religion. There is no substitute for truth. In a real world of living men there is crying need for a religion which can stand every test of reality.

Whatever fails now will be discredited for decades to come. We are about to begin to live in a new world. Now is the time to look into our own hearts, to judge the quality of our motives, and to make certain that our powers are consecrated to human service and that our wills are ardent from the union with the will of the eternal.

Nominating Committee

In accordance with the vote passed at the annual meeting of the American Unitarian Association in 1915, the nominating committee desire to publish a copy of the ballot they have prepared for use at the annual meeting in 1919.

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Nominating Committee.

Department of Community Service

The work of editing the next Year Book has been assigned to the Secretary and during the last month much of his time has been occupied with matters therewith. The Year Book covers the period from July 1st to the 30th of the next June. It is desired to issue it as near the first of July as possible and this means that copy must be ready for the printer at least a month earlier. Much material has already been collected, but changes which ought to be recorded are constantly being made, especially in the parish list and the list of ministers. The Secretary will be greatly obliged if changes of ministers and parish clerks, and new addresses can be reported at once to the Year Book, 25 Beacon Street, Boston.

It has frequently been said that great changes are coming after the war in the churches and society generally. What these changes are to be no one can yet venture to prophesy definitely, but there is one at least which seems fairly well assured, viz., the gradual taking over by the community of much of the social work of the churches. There is nothing strange in this and nothing to regret; quite the contrary. Ever since Christianity began, the churches have been organizing institutions for the common good and when they have demonstrated their value the community has assumed the burden. The indications are that this is what will happen in the case of their social service work. The war has brought people close together. Men and women, rich and poor, old and young, the members of every social rank, have had a common interest and in the Red Cross rooms have worked whole-heartedly for the comfort of the soldiers, our own and those of the Allies. Families in the vicinity of the mobilization camps and in the great centers where soldiers come on liberty, opened their homes to them. Thousands of our men, east and west, have enjoyed the hospitality of the towns and cities in which they have been visitors. The communities have had entertainments, dances, automobile trips, theatre parties, every kind of amusement and recreation to make army life as bearable as possible. The churches have had their part in all this, they have done splendid service, but as time has passed their efforts have been more and more merged in the work which the whole community has been carrying on.

Now that the war is over, everything suggests that this work for the common welfare, for clean recreation, sound health, the relief and prevention of distress, most of the varied forms of social

activity, will be taken over by the communities themselves. It has been the privilege of the Secretary to be a member of the Executive Committee of the Boston War Camp Community Service and to be in touch with the ramifications of its work. It is no secret that plans are under consideration affecting the whole country, which will preserve all that for which this great organization has stood, and ultimately make it not War Camp Community Service but Community Service. When the time comes the scope of the work will be greatly enlarged. Naturally the larger centers will feel the effect of it first, but it is to be expected that sooner or later every community will be brought into line. The Red Cross and Community Service together will do what neither the churches nor the philanthropic organizations have ever yet succeeded in doing: namely, enlist the great body of citizens of all religious faiths and no faith at all in a nation-wide movement for the common welfare. The churches should prepare for this day. It will mean the surrender of some of the activities in which they have been pioneer workers, but it will be proved that the communities can carry them on better than they can themselves. This does not mean that they can lose their interest in the social aspects of religion. It will still be their task to supply the enthusiasm and the workers which are necessary for success. They always have been the mainstay of the great enterprises for the common good and they will continue so to be, but more and more the clubs and classes and relief work of different kinds will be transferred from parish houses to community centers. And there Protestant and Catholic, Jew and Gentile, the believer and agnostic, will continue to practice the co-operation in good works which they have learned during the years of war: a consummation which we should help by every means in our power.

The work of the Federation House at Camp Devens has gone on steadily increasing through the winter. The signing of the Armistice gave the soldiers at Camp Devens more leisure and infected them with a restlessness which drove them to all the recreation centers in the town. But now the number of men in camp is being reduced, and after the return of the 26th Division it seems very probable that the House will close. During the period that it has been open it has ministered to thousands of men, and has won golden opinions. An interesting and gratifying circumstance has been the number of men who went overseas from Camp Devens, and who on their return have come again to the House to express their pleasure at meeting their friends there once more. The House in its equipment and management has had a home feeling which has made it particularly attractive. Those who have contributed so generously to carrying on the work have the satisfaction of knowing that they have done a very great deal for the comfort and enjoyment of the men who have frequented it in such large numbers.

Department of Religious Education

An invitation was extended to the Secretary of this Department to be a member of a committee of eighteen, representing the leading denominations, to investigate conditions in the Near East for the work of relief in Armenia and Syria. Dr. Lawrance was granted leave of absence by the Directors of the Association for this purpose, and sailed on Friday, March 14. The tour will include Egypt, Palestine, Syria, Armenia, Constantinople and the region around the Black Sea. It is planned that the party shall be in Jerusalem for Easter. Dr. Lawrance is expected home early in July, in time to conduct the Institute of Religious Education at Chicago.

At the March meeting of the Board of Directors of the Sunday School Society the following resolution was adopted:

"The Directors of the Unitarian Sunday School Society put on record their sense of the honor which has come to the Society in the designation of the President, Dr. William I. Lawrance, as a member of the Commission appointed by the American Committee for Armenian

and Syrian Relief to investigate and report on conditions in the Near East.

"The Society wishes Dr. Lawrance God-speed, the fullest success in his important enterprise, a comfortable journey and a safe return."

Plans for the summer institutes are well in hand. It is hoped that Dr. Durant Drake of Vassar College will lecture during the entire week both at Andover, June 30-July 5, and at the Shoals, July 7-12. The Associate Secretary, Miss Buck, will give a course of teacher-training lectures and conduct conferences on the work of the superintendent of the church school. Miss Packard, Y. P. R. U. Secretary, will speak at each Institute on the relation between the Sunday school and the Religious Union. Other speakers will be announced later.

At the Chicago Institute, July 15-25, Dr. Dodson will be the lecturer in Psychology, and Dr. Lawrance will give eight lectures on religious education and conduct two conferences. We are fortunate in being able to have Professor Bowen again this year for ten lectures on Comparative Studies in the Gospels, designed to give instruction that will help teachers to know how to deal with the Gospel narratives when Matthew contradicts Mark, Luke both, and John all three.

An opportunity is thus offered for two weeks' intensive training in religious education for the churches in or near New England, and for those within reach of Chicago. Year by year these institutes are attended in increasing numbers, and their benefit is seen in better teaching and management in our church schools.

One of the successful new ventures of this department was a Parents' Meeting in Channing Hall. The family at meal time, bed-time prayers, and the use of Sunday afternoons were the three topics treated by Dr. Lawrance, Mrs. Louise M. C. Hastings and Mrs. Ella Lyman Cabot. An audience numbering nearly one hundred and fifty, the helpful program, and a delightful social period gave such satisfaction that many expressed a desire for more gatherings of this sort. The meeting was in charge of the Committee on Religion in the Home, whose chairman, Mr. Billings, presided. The Home Department of the Church of the Disciples furnished and served the refreshments which made possible the attractive social hour which followed the program.

Leaflets for *God's Wonder World*, for the use of pupils, may be bought in sets of ten each where schools do not feel able to buy the set for the entire year in advance. The price is fifteen cents per quarter (ten leaflets), fifty cents for the whole set, postage extra.

Those who were interested in the Easter Pageant presented at the Annual Meeting of the Sunday School Society last year may like to know that Prof. H. Augustine Smith has re-written the fourth scene so that it would make for our schools an entirely new presentation. The theme is "Building the City of God and the House of Brotherhood," and is adapted to the changed conditions which come with the end of the war. This final scene, while impressive and easily staged, does not, when given by itself, show its relation to Easter. The entire service and pageant, entitled "The Immortality of Love and Service," is published by the Pilgrim Press, Boston, and costs six cents per copy.

In March, the Associate Secretary preached at Brighton and Harvard Street Church, Cambridge, gave two teacher-training lectures and an address at an Alliance guest meeting at the First Parish in Quincy, and attended the four days' session of the Religious Education Association in Detroit.

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And seek upon this plan to build a world.
What glory might the world then see! What joy!
What harmony of work! What large content!
No war, no waste of noble energies,
But smiling peace, the enlarging grace of art;
Humanity a column with its base
Of solid work, and at its summit crowned
With the ideal capital of Love!

William Wetmore Story.

FROM ENGLAND

The following letter from the Secretary of the British League of Unitarian Women will be read with great interest:

It is heartening to hear how The Alliance is pulling itself together for new and wider activities. Here we have had a much longer time of struggle and it will take proportionally longer to recover and get our bearings. I think our people have been at great tension all these years and now it has slackened and they seem to want to "lie fallow" for a time. It is no wonder! Then many things are uncertain, many things are going into the melting pot, and there is a feeling of suspension and of marking time. It shows itself in our churches and it will make itself felt in the League, of course. But there is a great reserve of energy and force among our women and before long we shall be starting out again to run our race.

One side of the League work has gone steadily forward. The Fellowship Committee has done good work in following up the girls and women who in such numbers have gone out to do their share of war work in hospital, factory, and field. Also, knowing that after Peace is declared emigration may take many of our young people away to begin life in distant countries, the Fellowship Committee have been preparing against that time, so that they may find friends of their own faith in their new surroundings. It is a very vital part of the League's work and it owes everything to Miss Mitchell's enthusiastic energy and her power of organization.

I think one factor in holding the League together in these years of disintegration and of diverse interests has been our Belgian Hospital Fund. For this our churches have given and our women worked unceasingly, and of the results we may be fairly proud.

Through the Foreign Committee the League has taken its part in the work of the International Union. In the autumn when the armistice was signed, it was hoped that the work of the Correspondence Bureau would soon come to an end. If anything, however, the Bureau has been busier than ever. Of course that part connected with the search for missing Belgians, a most arduous undertaking, and chiefly in the hands of Miss Van Eck, has ceased. It is no longer needful to try "by hook or by crook" to get messages, cards, or letters to people living in enemy occupied territory. The French and Belgian refugees in England on whose behalf such efforts were made, can now, happily, write to their people and make their own inquiries. But other problems come along to be wrestled with. There are if anything more correspondents on the books of the Bureau than before and the work is as interesting as ever. The Bureau has had many failures but now and again it has had its thrilling moments of success. There were certain places into which no communication could

be got except by the mysterious underground agency set up by the Belgian refugees in England. The cleverness of the arrangements was only equaled by the bravery of those who undertook to carry through enemy occupied countries and often at the risk of their lives, letters and parcels to their destination.

The Bureau despatched many letters through this agency. They were from an English factory girl in a north county town to her brother in Lille. She had not heard of him for several years and had begun to despair when we undertook to try this way. Out of all the number sent the brother received two, and he managed by the help of the Frankfort Red Cross to send two messages out which reached us in August of last year. The sister's joy, after the anxious waiting of these years, may be imagined. The young man reached home a while ago and his sister wrote repeating to us some of the things he told her. She writes:

"It was a literal reign of terror in Lille for four years. When the Germans took the town they carried away all the cotton and no mills could run any more. My brother was registered as a Frenchman and barring starvation he got along pretty well, though it broke my heart to feel his poor shrunken body when I embraced him. The English officers told him he deserved 'recommendation,' for the dear lad kept four Tommies hidden in a cellar for two years and fed them, and by doing so he took his life in his hands. He had never received any of my letters till one day last summer an old lady left word at his lodgings that she had two letters for him and he could have them if he would meet her at the frontier. He went only too gladly and she produced the two letters from her stocking and he had to give her 30 francs before she would hand them over! The old woman said she had got them from a priest and they had been to Liege and Valenciennes and Heaven knows where before they reached him."

Some of the episodes have not had such happy endings. Valenciennes was also closed to letters but post cards or messages sometimes reached their destination. The Bureau forwarded cards for a young French lady, a governess in England. Every now and then very brief but reassuring messages came back, "The mother and sisters doing well and comfortable," etc., etc. Alas, how they must have been doctored! The first real letter that came through told a very different tale. It showed the mother and sisters and the old grandmother living in cold and semi-starvation in the desolate ruins of their home. Every bit of clothing "even to a rabbit-skin" taken away and all the household treasures. How to get aid and comfort to them and many another family in like straits is one of the problems the Bureau is keen to help to solve. More fortunate is the English woman, the wife of the Vicar of L—. Her parents lived in Brussels, and the Bureau used to forward messages and cards back and forth. Last summer Mr. M. was arrested and sentenced to two years' imprisonment for helping Belgians of military age to get out of the country. It was considered a light sentence, but Mr. M. was old and an invalid and his daughter's distress may be imagined. Then Brussels was freed and Mr. M. released and it was with great pleasure we heard he and his wife were in England and spending a happy Christmas with their daughter.

Though the world is settling down to more ordinary ways, those who do any sort of International work have still to walk warily lest the attention of D. O. R. A. may be turned their way. The most innocent and patriotic of Secretaries may still have policemen knocking on her door and putting searching questions, yet little by little these inevitable adjuncts of a "State of War" will grow fewer and before long a real "State of Peace" be ours.

We look forward here to our annual meetings in Whitweek and hope they may be festivals of Thanksgiving as well. To them, we hope Miss Van Eck may be able to come, and is it too much

to hope that some of you, our Alliance sisters, may be with us to join in our welcome and gratitude to her for her splendid service to humanity?

Believe me,

Very sincerely yours,

HELEN BROOKE HERFORD.

Executive Board

The regular meeting was held March 14. Present: Miss Lowell, Mmes. Davis, Noyes, Atherton, Barry, Carpenter, Wadsworth, Donahue, Hinds, Whitney, Allen, Bacon, Bailey, Blair, Bouvé, Coolidge, Day, Edgcomb, Faulk, Hayes, Henry, Houghton, Sawyer, Stearns, Ware, J. K. Whiting, Whitman, Woodbury, Bryant, Donnell, Eliot, and by invitation four branch presidents.

Mrs. Davis reported attending meetings at Germantown, Pa., Baltimore, Md., a union meeting at the South Memorial Church, Worcester, Mass., and a guest day at the Second Church, Boston. She spoke of the growing importance of the work at Memphis, Tenn., and the urgency of its Appeal; of the growth of the Baltimore branch to a membership of 107, giving Maryland a director; and announced the formation of two new branches, Nashville, Tenn., and Marblehead, Mass.

Miss Lowell will attend the meeting of the Meadville Associate Alliance, at Marietta, Ohio, March 26, and later visit Wheeling, W. Va., Meadville, Pittsburgh, and Erie, Pa.

It was voted to appropriate $10 of the money contributed in response to the Appeal for War Relief to the Correspondence Bureau of the International Union, this is in addition to a previous gift of $30. It was voted to send $100, received from the same source, to Mme. Loyson's hospital in Paris. The physical and moral help Mme. Loyson has been able to render these wounded and blinded soldiers it would be hard to overestimate. Between two and three thousand men have been assisted. The need is still great.

The following names have been placed *in memoriam*: Mrs. M. Caroline Robinson Brigham, Dorchester, by her sister; Mrs. William S. Burton, by Messiah, N. Y.; Mrs. Ethie Bigelow Howe, by Channing branch, Newton, Mass.; Mrs. Elizabeth Farmer Boynton, Bedford, Mass. by her family; Miss H. Elizabeth Young, Concord, N. H., by her sister.

The Library committee announced the accession of nine books received from the American Unitarian Association, and a copy of the Letters of Susan Hale, for which the committee and the Board would express its gratitude to Miss Lowell, the donor.

After hearing through a letter from Mrs. Peterson of the illness of Mr. Robinson, the Board voted that a letter of sympathy and greeting be sent to this devoted minister of the Swansboro Circuit.

The Junior Fellowship committee urged that the branches take up at once the interests of the young people as the most serious question before us, to utilize the altruistic spirit aroused by war service.

A communication was received from the Treasury Department at Washington begging for a country-wide educational campaign on the subject of thrift, and it was voted that Board members be advised to urge the branches to appoint a committee to cooperate with the local stamp savings director, and to have the subject discussed at meetings.

After receiving the report from Derby, Conn., the Board enthusiastically voted to send a letter of greeting to this brave group of workers, who have never ceased to mourn the necessity of giving up their church.

A letter of sympathy and greeting was voted to Mrs. Dewey, suffering from the effects of a fall.

At the next meeting, April 11, reports are due from the West and Middle West and two Massachusetts directors.

CAROLINE S. ATHERTON,
Recording Secretary.

Branches that do not meet in May will wish to provide at their April meeting for the election of delegates to the annual business meeting of The Alliance,

May 21. As provision is made in the by-laws for voting by mail, and as this is election year, the branches should appoint their delegates, whether or not it may be possible for them to attend, and have a voice in electing officers and directors.

A Word from the Treasurer

The end of the Alliance year is approaching when the receipt of membership dues indicates either a growth or a decrease in our ranks. Last year an unusually large number were late in sending dues and there was a decrease in our membership, noticeably in New England. While this was undoubtedly due to the unusual conditions prevailing on account of the war, the present year should see all arrears paid and a larger enrollment than ever before. Only those whose dues have been paid to their branch treasurers are entitled to be counted as members.

While the spirit of The Alliance is not measured by money values a sound financial policy is the basis of good work, and by the showing at the end of the year must we gauge our strength and our ability to meet our opportunity.

All dues and all other appropriations for "appeals" and other Alliance work, in order to be included in this year's report, *must* be in the hands of the Treasurer by April 30. Earlier returns are much appreciated.

The Code for Alliance Women has been reprinted: post-cards, 2 cents each, 20 cents per dozen; paper, to slip into an ordinary envelope, 1 cent each, 10 cents per dozen. There is also a special edition to be used as a souvenir of Alliance Headquarters, for visitors from a distance.

Junior Fellowship Notes

Fall River, Mass. This Junior Alliance with thirteen members has had an average attendance of seven at each meeting. They have had charge of a candy table at two church suppers, made thirty May-baskets for the May festival, and knitted seventy-four articles for the soldiers and sailors. At Christmas time they trimmed the tree for the Sunday School festival, made and filled ninety-nine candy bags, and then had luncheon together in the church vestry.

West Roxbury, Mass. This is one of our larger groups with twenty-five members. Last summer, through the district nurse, they sent a mother and two children into the country for a vacation, supplying the money as well as the clothes needed for the outing. They serve as waitresses at the Unitarian Club, and also the First Parish Club suppers. They have contributed to the Special Aid Committee, to the Young People's Religious Union, to the Pension Fund, and to their own church. In November a "Victory Tea" was held. The booths were decorated with red, white, and blue paper, flags around the room, and red candles in the windows. They sold cake, bread, candy, and tea, and made $31. At Christmas two large families were given baskets filled with goodies, and each of the fourteen children received an article of clothing and a toy. The club is planning to give "Sally Lunn" this month. Last year they gave "Tommy's Wife," and the year before, "How the Story Grew." The secretary closes her report with, "We all feel that we are a real *live* Junior Alliance."

Post Office Mission

The February conference was addressed by Miss Morse of Jamaica Plain on "Correspondence" and the lively and profitable discussion of this important matter is sure to bring good results.

The March conference had for its subject "The Alliance Library and its Uses" with Miss Everett as the speaker, who pointed out ways of enlarging the scope of the library's good work.

April 18th will see the rounding-up of the year's work and discussion of plans for the Anniversary Week conference which will be held in Channing Hall, Thursday afternoon, May 22, at half-past two o'clock.

New officers of Alliance branches are: Presque Isle, Me., *Pres.*, Mrs. Vivian

Howe; Brattleboro, Vt., *Pres.*, Mrs. Jennie M. White, 6 Putney Road; Barre, Mass., *Pres.*, Mrs. Henry E. Hapgood; Belmont, Mass., *Treas.*, Mrs. J. Fred Frost, 480 Pleasant St.; Boston, First Church, *Rec. Sec.*, Mrs. William H. Brown, 304 Beacon St., *Treas.*, Mrs. John R. Post, 313 Marlboro St.; Roxbury, Mass., All Souls, *Rec. Sec.*, Miss Dora G. Calder, 21 Westbourne Terrace, Brookline; Bridgewater, Mass., *Pres.*, Miss Fanny Comstock, 58 Spring Hill Ave.; Chelmsford, Mass., *Sec.*, Miss Elizabeth F. Warren; North Easton, Mass., *Treas.*, Mrs. Fred R. Lewis; Holyoke, Mass., *Sec.* Mrs. Sidney W. Kennan, 92 Allyn St.; New Bedford, Mass., North Church, *Pres.*, Mrs. David Waugh, 286 Collette St., *Treas.*, Mrs. W. Kuchler, Morton's Meadow, Clifford; Quincy, Mass., *Rec. Sec.*, Mrs. E. B. Marsh, 52 Warland St., Cambridge; Salem, Mass., Second Church, *Treas.*, Mrs. Frank S. Perkins, Pleasant St.; Ware, Mass., *Sec.*, Miss Mary L. Southworth, 121 Church St.; Watertown, Mass., *Treas.*, Mrs. Warren Wright, Garfield St.; Westford, Mass., *Treas.*, Mrs. Stella E. Hildreth; Brooklyn, N. Y., Samaritan, *Pres.*, Miss Alice E. Monroe, 207 Lincoln Pl., *Rec. Sec.*, Mrs. William Mason, Hotel St. George; Yonkers, N.Y., *Sec.*, Mrs. H. G. Richardson, 147 North Broadway, *Treas.*, Mrs. Ada L. Barry, 40 Point St.; Atlanta, Ga., *Pres.*, Mrs. N. V. Perry, 1000 South Moreland Ave.; Duluth, Minn., *Treas.*, Mrs. G. R. Landen, 1111 East 6th St.; Omaha, Neb., *Treas.*, Miss May Gund, 234 South 27th St.

It is a pleasure to welcome two branches formed in February. The New Dorcas Society, of Marblehead, Mass., fifty-four members, has become a branch of The Alliance. Its meetings are held at 6.30 P.M. on the second Wednesday of the month. Officers: *Pres.*, Mrs. Anna G. Homan, 8 Pierce St.; *Vice-Pres.*, Mrs. Edna T. Swasey, 5 Story Terrace; *Sec.*, Mrs. Annie M. Tarr, 140 Atlantic Ave., *Treas.*, Mrs. Eva P. Goodwin, 18 High St.

The Nashville, Tenn., branch has been duly organized, all national members. Officers: *Pres.*, Mrs. William H. Morgan, Granny White Pike; *Vice-Pres.*, Mrs. Alexander H. Fall, 2501 Belmont Boulevard; *Sec.*, Mrs. Katharine Atherton Grimes, c/o Southern Agriculturist; *Treas.*, Mrs. Allen Hamilton, 109 12th Ave., N.; *Chairman Post Office Mission*, Mrs. E. A. Goddard, 111 Lyle Ave. A Study Class has arranged a series of evening meetings for the study of Emerson.

News from the Branches

From Lincolnville, Me.: Our number is small and our situation does not afford opportunities for great accomplishment but our heart is in our work and we feel that we are doing something to keep the light shining brighter in this little corner of the world. This winter we have by our endeavors purchased a little organ for use in our church services, which we have in the summer only.

From New London, Conn.: The work with men in uniform still takes much time. It is interesting to have resplendent Navy Officers look us up at the parish hall and when we at first fail to recognize them, remind us of the far-off (?) time when they were Gobs and used to spend much time at the parish hall. Even some of the aviators en route to Boston to meet President Wilson came in to see us when a snow-storm made it necessary for them to land for a time in New London. The New London Church this year has had the great pleasure of welcoming many Unitarians: men in the Service, officers, professors, physicians, workers in War Camp Community service and Y. M. C. A., sometimes with their families, whom the war has brought to New London for temporary residence.

From Albany, N. Y.: While the chief interest has been war relief, the Alliance spirit has never been so strong. We have become better acquainted with one another, and the community has become better acquainted with the Alliance. I feel that while working shoulder to shoulder with those of other faiths in the great common cause, a great common sympathy has been

aroused that will not soon be forgotten.

New York, N. Y., Messiah Branch, the largest in New York, on its annual guest day heard from Mrs. Franklin C. Southworth the story of the Meadville Unitarian Church and Divinity School. Mrs. Valentine Schuyler told of opportunities to help in reconstruction work in France. The Red Cross Auxiliary, a part of the benevolent committee of the branch, has achieved marvelous results. In addition to the dressings and knitted articles turned out, it has had a class in gauze dressings and fitted its members to teach others. The branch carries on a very large Post Office Mission and Cheerful Letter work and cooperates loyally with the various Alliance departments.

From Flatbush, N. Y.: The Red Cross Auxiliary of the Fourth Unitarian Church of Brooklyn, continues to work enthusiastically and faithfully in the making of refugee and hospital garments. Of the forty-three members enrolled, seven have earned the eight-hundred-hour service certificate, one of whom, Mrs. David Petty, is eighty-five years of age.

Lancaster, Pa., the youngest branch in eastern Pennsylvania, with no settled minister, reports doing pastoral work. The Red Cross efforts have been highly successful. The yearly gift to the trustees, to help towards paying the church indebtedness to the American Unitarian Association it seemed impossible to earn in war time, when a rummage sale was suggested and proved a happy solution of their problem, giving them more than enough money to fulfill their promise to the trustees. The Junior Alliance has done a creditable amount of war work.

From Washington, D. C.: Through the efforts of the Washington Alliance fifteen branches of the Middle States Conference are working together for the relief of Fléville, France, in the Argonne Forest, a little town of four hundred inhabitants before the war, — now a place of ruined homes. It was suggested by the French High Commission as the most suitable place to which these workers might direct their efforts. If other branches wish to cooperate they may correspond with Washington.

From Long Beach, Cal.; Our church service and Alliance meetings are well attended and we are all thankful to have Dr. and Mrs. Crooker with us. Although he has been with us but a short time he has endeared himself to all.

From Los Angeles, Cal.; Besides our donations to war work we turned over to our trustees $60, to Appeals and Missionary work $60, and continued our regular contribution of $120 to the Maternity Cottage which was founded by our Alliance some years ago.

It is interesting to note the great number of men who come regularly to hear Mr. Hodgin preach and also to note that about one hundred attend the before-sermon talk of Mr. Daniel Rowan on the historical background of the Bible.

The annual meeting of the New England Associate Alliance will be held Thursday, April 17, in the Meeting-house of the First Parish, the "Old Ship," Hingham, Mass. Practical suggestions for community service will be given by Mrs. Rice, Mrs. Root, Mrs. Scott, Miss Peterson, Miss Friedman, Mr. Krolfifer. The Rev. Charles F. Potter, of Wellesley Hills, will give an address on Americanizing Americans. The morning session will begin at 10 o'clock.

The Monday Conference of Alliance Branches will be held at 25 Beacon St., Boston, Monday, April 7, at 10.30 A.M. Mrs. Walter L. Bouvé, of Hingham, will preside. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

Appeals

Appeals stand as follows:

Southern Circuit in addition to pledges	$355
Italian Mission	94
White Plains	38
Christian Register (to increase circulation)	276
Foreign War Relief unlimited:	
Already forwarded:	
Correspondence Bureau	40
Mme. Loyson's Hospital	100

Young People's Religious Union of the Unitarian Church

Headquarters: Room 11, 25 Beacon Street, Boston

Mr. Carl B. Wetherell, *President*

Miss Minnie Packard, *Secretary* Mr. O. Arthur McMurdie, *Treasurer*

Our Financial Obligations

One of our evangelical brethren once made the remark that "Salvation is free, but we ought to be willing to pay the freight." Whatever we young people believe about salvation we must each of us admit that we should all support our religious belief financially as well as morally, and that there should be no slackers.

The amount the young person contributes is not nearly as important as the fact that he does regularly contribute something toward the support of the church he attends. Not only does the young person thus feel that he is doing his bit, but the church benefits by it in two ways.

First, the church gains financially by the added amount which these small, but numerous junior contributors offer; and in the second place gains that increased loyalty which comes from paying for something. Anything is worth to us just about what we pay for it and the things we secure easily have not nearly the value of the thing we have worked for and fought for.

Young People: Make some financial contribution, however small, to your church each year, thereby maintaining your self-respect and becoming a supporting unit in the church of which you are a part.

Ministers: Urge upon all of your young people the making of a definite yearly contribution to your church, thereby securing the added support and interest of those who will become the church a few years hence.

The Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Y. P. R. U. will be held Friday afternoon and evening, May 23, at Second Church, Boston. The afternoon session will open with an informal reception, followed by the business meeting. Rev. Charles F. Potter will be the principal speaker of the afternoon and five three-minute speakers are also included on the program.

At five a reception to the officers will take place. During the supper a question box will be conducted. Music will be furnished by an orchestra. At the evening meeting Rev. Minot Simons will be the speaker.

Out of town delegates will be entertained by the young people in the vicinity of Boston. On May 24 big preparations are being made for expected guests, chief among which is the picnic. Young people are urged to plan a vacation for May and it is suggested that each Union pay the expenses of one delegate.

More New Unions

Seven new societies have been reported since February, making a total of twenty organized since the fall. Following are the recent additions: Dedham, Canton, Woburn, Rutherford, N. J., Passaic, N. J. and Syracuse, N. Y.

Secretary Goes West

Miss Packard, the field secretary, is planning a trip to the Middle West in April.

Before going West the Field Secretary will attend the Middle States conference at Rochester, April 9th. Reports will be given by the ministers in this Middle States district who have young people's societies. The special session for the young people will be held on the afternoon of the ninth.

The young people from the New York, Brooklyn and New Jersey churches will hold a rally at the Church of the Saviour, Brooklyn, on April 11th, which the Field Secretary will attend. Rev. N. J.

Springer is chairman of the program committee. Members of the "Old Fort Club" will be the hostesses.

Y. P. R. U. Mass Meeting

April 6, 1919. Second Church, Boston, 7.45 A. M. Speaker: Rev. Maxwell Savage. Subject: "The Unused Worth of Man." Devotional Service led by Rev. Harry Foster Burns.

Boston Federation Meets

The annual meeting of the Boston Federation will be held Sunday afternoon and evening, April 27, at Barnard Memorial, Warrenton Street, Boston.

Annual Dues

The following Unions have paid their dues for 1918—19, and we are anxious to make the list as large as possible before the close of the year, which is May 1, 1919. Who will be the next, and which Union will be the one to make the largest contribution? Remember that we depend very largely upon these contributions and the proceeds from the fair, which this year were very small, to pay our current expenses and contribute to the wonderful work which the Field Secretary is doing:

Berkeley, Cal., $10.00; Hingham Center, $12.00; Needham, Mass., $10.00; Charlestown, N. H., $5.00; Bolton, Mass., $5.00; Fourth Unitarian Brooklyn $1.00; Channing Guild, (Newton), $15.00; Old Ship Church, Hingham, $1.00; Unity Club, Waltham, $3.00; Lancaster, Mass., $5.00; Toledo, Ohio, $10.00; Carlisle, Mass., $5.00; Herford Club, Boston, $3.00; Exeter, N. H., $10.00; Third Religious, Dorchester, $5.00; Brighton Y. P. A., $5.00; Quincy, Mass., $5.00; Junior Com. of 12, Cambridge, $10.00; Littleton, Mass., $2.00; Berkeley, Cal., (2nd), $10.00; Northfield, Mass., $5.00; Junior Alliance, W. Roxbury, Mass., $10.00; Wollaston, Mass., $10.00; San Francisco, $5.00; Marlborough, Mass., $1.00; Florence, Mass., $10.00; Madison, Wisconsin, $5.00; Saco, Maine, $5.00; Channing Club, (Third) Berkeley, Cal., $10.00; Theodore Weld Union, Hyde Park, $5.00; Wabeno Union, Roxbury, $1.00; and Norwell, $2.00. Thirty-two Unions $201.00.

Our Unions will see by this list that the number of contributors is very small and that a lot remains to be done before the end of the fiscal year.

Send checks and money orders to O. Arthur McMurdie, Treasurer, 25 Beacon Street, Boston, Mass. Send cash by registered mail.

If your treasury is low, try and hold some kind of an entertainment and let us have at least a part of the proceeds.

Remember, if your Union has not paid it's dues for two years they are not entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting, and this is particularly important this year, as special efforts are being made to have a splendid meeting in May.

O. Arthur McMurdie,
Treasurer.

Correspondents in India

The following men from the Unitarian churches in Khasi Hills, India would like to correspond with young men in our Unitarian churches: Mr. Phriman Singh, Mr. Dorjan Singh, Mr. Bindro Singh all of Shillong, India. (Care of H. K. Singh, for the present.) Mr. Kat Serjeant, Jowai, Assam, India.

To non-subscribers of Word and Work:

The Y. P. R. U. has received only 69 new subscriptions to Word and Work this year. Are there not some more friends of the Y. P. R. U. who are willing to make up for this deficit?

The needs at Camp Devens for the wounded soldiers include: Property bags 12 inches by 18 inches with double drawstrings of cretonne or dark material; Khaki Handkerchiefs, Mouth Wipes; Old White Cotton & Linen Pieces 5 inches square in bundles of 50 each; Candy, Games, Puzzles, Records and Needles for talking machines.

Contributions should be sent to Mrs. E. H. Allen, Director "Mending and Service Board," Camp Devens, Ayer Mass.

Unitarian Temperance Society

Rev. Christopher R. Eliot, *President*, 25 Beacon Street, Boston, Mass.

Mrs. Elizabeth Tilton, *Vice-President*, Cambridge, Mass.

Rev. Lyman V. Rutledge, *Secretary*, 301 Brattle Building, Cambridge, Mass.

Mr. Edward J. Rowse, *Treasurer*, 27 Richwood Street, West Roxbury, Mass.

BREWERS' PROPAGANDA

The public press announced a few weeks ago that the liquor interests had voted to spend one billion dollars to create public sentiment against the Federal Prohibition Amendment. An organization of business men is now under way, according to the *New York Times*, "to make forever inoperative the eighteenth Amendment to the Constitution." It will work "in every state, territory, and dependency" of the United States.

Today men on the street are wearing "no beer no work" badges, and various labor unions are threatening to strike July 1 if the War Prohibition law is enforced.

Two bills were introduced in the Massachusetts Legislature providing for withdrawal of the act of ratification of the eighteenth Amendment, passed a year ago. A resolution has been introduced in the General Assembly of Rhode Island, denouncing the eighteenth Amendment as "a revolutionary transformation of the Government," and calling for prompt decision by the Supreme Court of the United States as to its constitutionality.

An editorial note in a large daily says: "With bar profits cut out hotel men say that they will have to raise the price of rooms and meals. That means that many traveling men will have to establish homes in all the cities which they visit frequently, and thus national prohibition will work toward national immorality, just as this newspaper has previously hinted it would."

Leading dailies quote returned soldiers as resenting the prohibition amendment.

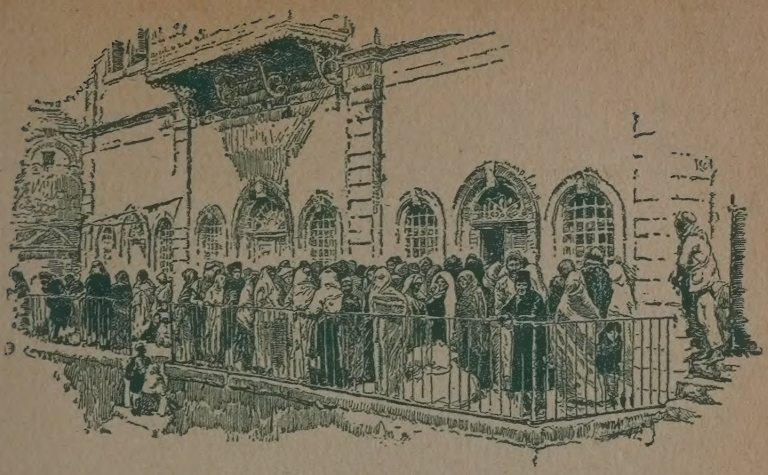
THE ANSWER

Railroad employees, civil service employees, and skilled workmen in many industries, are not permitted to drink while on or off duty. Therefore only a small proportion of workingmen, mostly unskilled, are in a position to strike for beer. In mining districts, as in Virginia and Colorado, where local prohibition has gone into effect, there is no record of a single strike, nor even a concerted protest, for beer. The mining output of the State of Colorado more than doubled under the first year of prohibition.

Bills for repeal of ratification by State Legislatures are invalid. Our statute books should not be defaced by such bogus relation.

That prohibition works toward national immorality is contradicted by the experience of every prohibition state. Hotels from twenty-seven dry states have repeatedly asserted that the strict enforcement of the law has elevated the moral standards both of their own business and of the surrounding community. Immorality follows the saloon.

Daniel A. Paling, who was in France at the time, says: "The announcement of the ratification of the amendment was first made to an audience of more than three thousand soldiers at the Palais de Glace, Paris, and since then in every great military center of our overseas forces, from Brest to Bordeaux, from Le Havre to Toul, and from Verdun and Chaumont to Coblenz, in Germany, without a single exception the general reception of the message has been the same. Everywhere the announcement has been received with generous and vigorous applause."



Syrian refugees from the villages near the Northern Front trenches, lined up for bread tickets given them by a member of the American Colony who was working in connection with the Syrian and Palestine Relief Fund.

The world must guarantee that conditions like these will not be repeated. Such a guarantee cannot be given if the Near East is returned to the Turks, or is under the protection of some European power.

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